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Generating a Strong Random
Number for Use in a Security
Subsystem for a Processor-Based
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO
FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 28, 2005**

In response to the Final Office Action mailed December 28, 2005, Applicants are herewith filing a Request for Continued Examination, along with this Preliminary Amendment. Prior to the examination of the above-referenced application, please consider the amendments and remarks set forth below.